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ALKING IN ANOTHER'S SHOES

Archie H. Hook

Minister and Superintendent

Within the reach of us all are inexhaustible resources of power and goodness, of which we often refuse to avail ourselves. There live all about us people of different racial and religious backgrounds, with different national origins who might greatly enrich our lives and culture, but we keep them at arm's length. It is to be regretted that sometimes man is his own worst enemy.

When we try to find the reason for this we invariably come upon the appalling fact of prejudice. We pick up a book which could be helpful, but because we are prejudiced by the title or author we will not read it. On the next street there live people who could help us in our Christian living, but we build barriers against them because of some undeserving bias. There are those in any community who could give guidance to civic betterment, but their offer is met with a shrug and a cynical turn of the head, as if to say, "Can any good thing come out of Nazareth?"

Prejudice is generally incorrect. History shows that prejudices against certain individuals and movements were wrong. The word Quaker was a reproach hurled at the followers of George Fox. Today the word Quaker is a badge of honor. Similarly, the word Puritan, and yet today most people are glad to trace their genealogy back to them. The word Christian was a sneer addressed to the followers of Jesus. Today we bless God to be numbered among them.

People who live with prejudices invariably betray a fear that what they hold may not be true. They are afraid lest someone deprive them of something which they are loath to give up; so they build walls around it. But truth never needs to be afraid of light. It can defend itself and is its own virtue. Prejudice can only be overcome by the constant day by day pressure of goodwill. Deliberate and constant appreciation of others breaks down ultimately every intolerance.

Among the Omaha Indians during the early frontier days, if an Indian was about to visit the lands of adjoining tribes, on the night before he left home the chiefs would ask him to sit with them around a camp fire. Just before the flames died down, he would be asked to stand and speak this prayer: "Great spirit, help me never to judge another until I have walked two weeks in his moccasins." What a different world this would be if we could put aside courageously our bias, hate and intolerant misjudgments and walk in one another's shoes a little while!

News of the Churches

CHEWELAH . . .

The Chewelah church has recently redecorated its sanctuary as well as remodeling the kitchen. Nine people were received into the church at Easter.

MONROE . . .

Mrs. Ellen Bradley reports that six of the churches in Monroe joined in the Holy Week services for the community this year. Services were held in a different church each evening, with the final service on Good Friday in the Congregational church. Members of the Methodist and Congregational church choirs provided the music for the services. Six persons joined the church on Palm Sunday, and plans are being completed for the dedication of the new pews for the church.

Seattle, JAPANESE . . .

Rev. Ai Chih Tsai reports on several activities of interest at the church. The annual bazaar was held on March 21, and this is an occasion in which other churches of the area like to attend.

The church has accepted its goal for the Church Building program. Members of the Nisei Women's Fellowship have purchased some new equipment for the kitchen and sponsored some fellowship activities this spring.

RITZVILLE, ZION . . .

A new pulpit and altar are now in use at the Zion church, both are gifts of the choir members. Mr. William Miller and Mr. Arthur Heinemann gave their time and services in constructing these items. Rev. R. W. Rieger is minister.

Members of the Junior High Department of the Yakima Church, pictured above, gave the play, "And They Passed By," for the Women's Fellowship of the church prior to Easter. The play was written by Mrs. Robert Kennan and Mrs. Bob Rogers. Costumes were made by Mrs. Frank Lowther and the scenery was done by Robert Kennan, Jr.

SUMMIT PARK . . .

A campaign is underway at Summit park for an addition to their present building. This church is located in a growing community and a great need has arisen for building facilities. Plans call for an addition which will provide a kitchen for the church and rooms for church school, a furnace room and storage space. Total cost is estimated at $15,000. Rev. Henry Jacobs is minister.

BELLINGHAM . . .

Two memorial gifts at Easter time were enjoyed by the Bellingham people. A new communion table to match the chancel furnishings was given and two brass altar vases to match the candlesticks were used for the first time.

Ten new members were received on Palm Sunday. Rev. W. Carl Calhoun is minister.

An active group in the Kirkland church is the youth choir which numbers fifty voices. Mrs. William Cole is organist for the group and Mrs. E. M. Gildow is the director. For one church service a month this choir furnishes the entire music including the processional and recessional; the anthem; and three a capella responses.

LUMMI ISLAND . . .

The church at Lummi Island held its first service in the renovated church building on March 1. This was the first regular service in the building for more than twenty-five years. Local interest has increased greatly in the past year, and the building, which was in a bad state of disrepair, is well on the way to self-respect. The basement is the present meeting place, but work will continue on the redecoration of the main floor.

A church school has at last been organized, and held its first session on Easter. Mrs. Leona Hawley is superintendent.

The minister, Rev. W. Carl Calhoun, has been holding one service a month over a period of several years. This will now be augmented by a monthly visit from Rev. C. Gene Albertson, minister of the United Church in Ferndale. A third service will be held, especially for Episcopal families, by Rev. Johnson E. West of Everson, who is vicar of Whatcom County for the Episcopal Church.

An organ has been given to the church by Mr. and Mrs. Archie Hutchinson of Plymouth Church, Seattle, who have a vacation home on the island. The church will observe its 50th anniversary in 1953.

WALLACE . . .

Members of the Wallace church are looking forward to the visit of Dr. Warren H. Denison this spring to launch the Colony plan for their membership. Dr. Denison will meet with the various groups each evening as well as having special meetings during the day. His emphasis on stewardship will give the foundation for a building program the church hopes to get underway before too long. Members of the Mullan church will also share in some of the experiences with Dr. Denison.

LAYMEN'S FELLOWSHIP

Fred Hockert

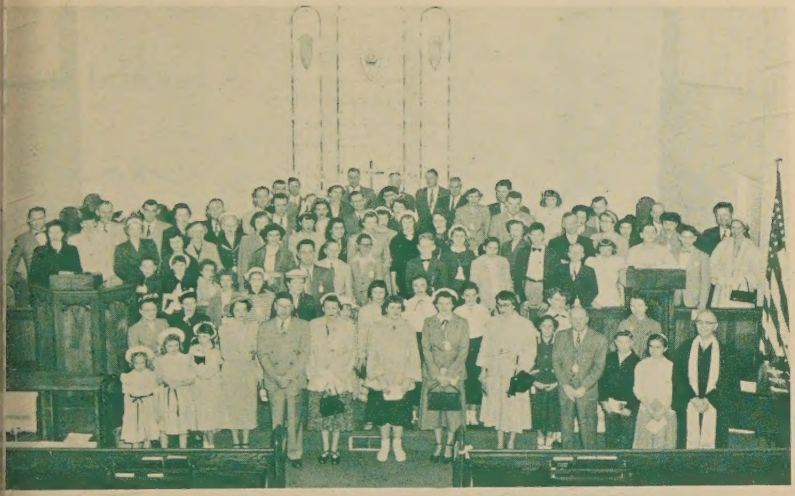
The Schools of Churchmansl were well attended, but it was gretable that even more laymen not avail themselves of this opp tunity; the impact could have be far greater and the overall res more far reaching.

One hundred forty-nine laym from thirty-four churches took ti out of their busy lives to lea something of the problems of t church. From the comments receiv most of those attending received new insight into some of the phas of church life of which they we not previously aware. Another ye an effort should be made to ma the schools more effective by ha ing them in areas which had to by-passed this year.

Actually the schools were a wo derful success. More men than ev before attended. More churches th ever before were represented.

Vancouver meeting of the Laymen' School of Churchmanship.

RKLAND . . . .



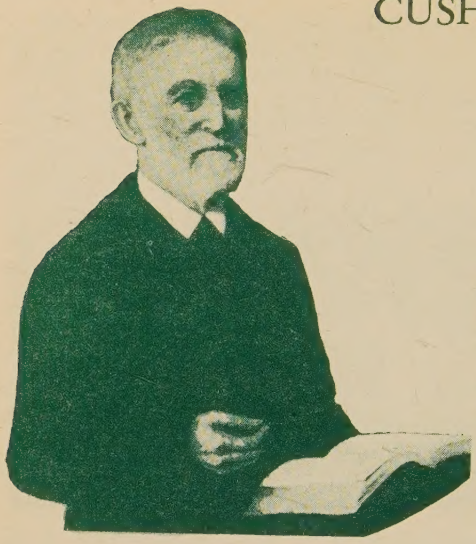
6 new members joined the Kirkland church on Palm Sunday, with 62 on onfession of faith; Rev. Ivan R. Smith is minister.

EATTLE, UNIVERSITY . . . .

08 new members were received into the membership of the University hurch, Seattle, on Easter Sunday. Dr. C. E. Ostrander and Rev. John C. anchett are ministers of the church.

CUSHING EELLS—

A Faithful Stewa



Cushing Eells—missionary, evangelist, educator, administrator—was indeed a witness for God in his day. At least sixteen churches were started because of his dreams and his willingness to make his dreams a reality. In connection with this article we are using Father Eells account of his financial contributions to these churches. This represents sacrifice, but more than anything, it is a symbol of his stewardship, for in the midst of need and hardship the resources were found to build churches.

"I have believed the Scriptures to such an extent that everything—soul, spirit, body, purse, house, land, horse, buggy—were laid on the altar of God," said Father Eells. The amount of money which he gave in gifts to school, religious and educational societies as well as churches is amazing. The total amounted to $24,654.65. Of this $10,000 went to Whitman College; $1,000 to The American Education Society; $2,500 to The Ame Board and the rest to church sixteen places in Washington Oregon.

Coming west in 1838 the lived and worked with the Wa for ten years among the Sp Indians. Mrs. Walker wrote o experience—"We have been nine years and during all that we have never heard the cry penitent or the song of a rede soul." From 1848 to 1860, Cu Eells was a teacher in the Wi ette valley; during the perio tween 1860 and 1872 he was a er, a preacher, a county su tendent of schools, the found Whitman and served as its prin for two years. All his spare was given to farming becaus pay of the teacher was small hardly enough to sustain the f and all of his religious activ were rendered without charge.

Preaching at nine different p Father Eells and his faithful s horse became a familiar sig settlers in eastern Washington. during his retirement years he spent with his son in Ta he preached at small places ou the city.

A giant in strength—yet Cu Eells is described as a man of five feet six inches, medium we lithe, sinewy, enduring; digni neat in appearance with gray and beard; one who loved the doors; a skillful horseman; unruffled, self-reliant.

Funds furnished by Cushing Eells and applied in the purchase of Church Lots, the erection of Church Edifices and their furnishings

Colfax	1.600.
Forest Grove	1.150.
Dayton	1.080.10
Cheney	1.053.10
Walla Walla	860.10
Spragua	856.85
Spokane Falls	500.
Olympia	52.
Seattle	50.
Lone Pine	50.
Pullman	47.50
	7,299.65

It has been said that man lives in direct proportion to the amount of his life he invests in things that are eternal. No one can read the story of Cushing Eells and his work without knowing that he had a full and abundant life.

On special occasions we pause to remember such great saints as Cushing Eells and his contribution to our heritage. Might we not better examine our own witness in terms of the devotion and sacrifice of such persons. At the present we are involved in a campaign to raise funds for church extension. Our response to this need represents our stewardship.

PASTORAL NOTES . . .

Rev. and Mrs. **ROBERT BOND** left the University Church, Seattle, on April 15 for their new home in Manson, Iowa, where Bob is to be the pastor of the Congregational Church. He has served as Minister of Students at University Church, and has contributed to our fellowship as a member of several committees.

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Rev. **ARTHUR S. FORD** died on March 22, 1953, at the Sunnyside Valley Memorial Hospital as a result of a coronary thrombosis. Born in England, Mr. Ford enjoyed a life of varied activities. He received his theological training at the Pacific School of Religion, Berkeley, California, and served pastorates in McCall, Idaho; Kellogg, Idaho; Forks, Toppenish, and Colville, Washington.

Two services were held for Mr. Ford. The first at his summer home on Lake Coeur d'Alene, where friends gathered around the fireplace in the living room of his log cabin, Cedar Lodge. Rev. William Westwood was in charge. The body was laid to rest on a hillside overlooking the lake. The second service was a memorial service and was held in the Toppenish church, with Rev. Robert Kennan of Yakima in charge.

In 1937 Mr. Ford presented acreage on the shore of Lake Coeur d'Alene in Idaho to the Washington Conference for the use of their young people. This place, named N-Sid-Sen, has been developed into a Place of Inspiration for all who attend the camps and activities.

Mr. Ford is survived by his wife, Margaret, who will continue to live in Sunnyside; and his son Peter. George, the eldest son, died in December of 1952.

News Briefs

Miss Blanche Stevens, a memb of the Tacoma, First, church, w has been an educational missiona with the American Board in Jap and Greece for the past three yea is now in Tacoma. She can reached through Mrs. Elsie Si mons, 619 North 3rd Street. While Greece, she worked at Anatol College.

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Miss Alice Gwinn, missiona with The American Board in Japa is home for an operation on h eyes. Friends may reach her throu Mrs. Perry L. Bourlier, 828 Ea 83rd, Seattle. Miss Gwinn will returning to Japan where she teac es at Doshisha University.

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The WESTERN PASTOR SCHOOL will be held this year fro July 8th through August 5th at L Foret, Colorado Springs, Colorad The school is sponsored by t Board of Home Missions, and D Stanley U. North serves as Dea The faculty this year will aga have Dr. Allen G. Wehrli for O Testament; Dr. Wilhelm Pauck Theology; Dr. Kendrick Grobel f New Testament; and others in fiel of worship, music, christian educ tion, parish ministry. Applicatio for same are made through the co ference office. Scholarships a available.

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National Family Week will observed this year from May 3-1 The theme is, "A Christian Foun tion for Every Home." Special pos ers; devotional guides for familie are available from offices of Cou cils of Churches.

65th ANNUAL CONFERENCE

)r. Truman B. Douglass' addres- on the theme, "The Marks of a) ing Church" will be the basis of seminar discussions at the an- l conference sessions this year. conference is being held at The st Congregational Church, Van- ver, Washington, on May 4, 6, 7.

ther leaders will include Dr. ren H. Denison, stewardship cialist; Dr. Stanley U. North esenting the Church Building n Fund Campaign; and Mrs. e Riggs of Anatolia College, ssalonili, Greece.

eneral program this year is, o All the World." Churches that e met their goals and more for Christian World Mission will ited and receive certificates of gnition. Mrs. Margaret Palmer will dedicate The Woman's —this sacrificial gift makes pos- e extra services in our confer- e and mission work. The new vardship movie, "The Hidden rt," will be previewed, as well ther new visuals. Ministers and r wives who have come into the since the last conference will presented and honored at the ference Banquet. Mr. and Mrs. oy Eide, who will soon leave conference to join the staff of Board of Home Missions, will be honored at one of the fellow- teas. The A Cappella Choir of ific University will share in the ference.

ev. Robert Kennan of Yakima be the chaplain. Dean Edward auer of Seattle is moderator and aks on the subject, "The Con- ice As I See It."

ne conference will begin on sday, May 5th, at 1:00 p.m. and inue through noon on Thursday, 7th. Requests for entertainment ld be sent to the First Congre- onal Church, 14th and Main. Dr. e L. Carter is host minister.

Truman B. Douglass

Mrs. Alice Riggs

Stanley U. North

Warren H. Denison

OUR WORK IS OUR WITNESS

LeRoy E. Eide

After five years Our Christian World Mission has won repeated and general acclaim among the fellowship for its unity of appeal, coordinated action, and new improved methods and aids for telling the story.

Our Christian World Mission has become a banner for individual Christians and churches everywhere under which we join our forces, multiplying available resources and lengthening and strengthening the arm of our ministry. It has been the link of fellowship binding together into one effort those who labor at the outposts of our widespread mission endeavor and their partners at home who support them with their prayers and their gifts. Through it, we have come, in a new measure, to see it in its great togetherness, the magnificant enterprise which has grown out of our compulsion to witness and to work as Christians, each according to his own gifts and opportunities.

Mostly, I have come to think of Our Christian World Mission in terms of people. There are those I know who are working against real difficulty and discouragement far from accustomed homes and families, but who have found new friends and co-workers and a joy in their task which for them far outweighs any thought of discouragement or inconvenience. I have met some "new Christians." They speak with great enthusiasm about their Christian faith and with deep appreciation for opportunities, otherwise, unknown, which have come to them through the concern and the helpful hands of Our Christian World Mission.

However, the notable people are not all in far off lands or distant places in this nation—for there faithful and sacrificing peop our own familiar local chur Mostly without much fan fare are working away week after as busy pastors, understa minister's wives, choir mem organists, church school teac custodians, generous givers, w hearted worshippers. All these are the faces and hearts that up Our Christian World Missio

Closely associated with su in Our Christian World Missi Stewardship education and th nual Every Member Canvass means a thorough, well planne prepared visit into every hon the parish. From the countless imonies of ministers and lay p it seems we may confidently that no single regular proje more prolific in lasting benefi the life of a church or its pe We may also say conclusively experience that no less exte or less involving program is eq adequate.

Each year the Planned Educ of The Missions Council pro materials of exceptional qualit guaranteed effectiveness. have been used with remar success in the largest and sma churches. Thorough use of me and materials available will a any church of sufficient reso to carry on a worthy ministry— ly and in its outreach as a p Our Christian World Mission.

It is to be hoped that in the ing year Our Christian World sion and Stewardship comm will be working effectively i church and that every mem every church will learn the jo the privilege of sharing i Christian World Mission.

d Setteth the Solitary in Families . . ." Ps. 68:6

Mrs. Grace Hunt

every action there is an
d opposite reaction"—to
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Even in the world of fash-
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sent, it appears that a very
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rk in the home together is
family to go to church to-
The old saying is still true—
send the child to church
take the child to church

What happens in the church school is important and parents should know the curriculum and work with the procedures for the best results, but the atmosphere of the family circle is the determining factor. The fatherhood of God and the brotherhood of man, for example, are just academic questions, if at the same time parents refuse to take their stand on a question of racial discrimination in the neighborhood, or one that comes to their attention anywhere. Children are like clay, ready to receive impressions, and they form their attitudes largely from their parents.

Each year we observe National Family Week in our churches—this year the dates are May 3-10. It is a good thing for us to give recognition of the supreme importance of emphasis upon family work and counseling and fun every week in the year. If the Gospel means "good news," the bearers of good news should wear their joy in their faces and actions. So let every family activity be a joyful meeting of minds, and let there be plenty of good games and wholesome fun and and family jokes. May we not add a paraphrase to a sentence from the Bible? To "God loves one who gives cheerfully," let us add, "God loves one who lives cheerfully."

. . . A Richer Life Will Be Theirs

SUMMER OPPORTUNITIES

How will you and your church use the summer months? Will there be special activities and opportunities of enrichment? This time provides possibilities of enrichment not available at other months. You and your church will be greatly benefited by sharing in some of these. Here are only a few possibilities.

I. VACATION CHURCH SCHOOLS provide a concentrated period for religious education; a two week's experience is equal to an average year's time of church school. Study theme this year is, "God and Our Relationship to Him." Textbooks and guides available for each age group.

II. SUMMER CAMPS AND CONFERENCES. On the opposite page the schedule for this year is given. You will find camps for all ages. Camp N-Sid-Sen is our Congregationally owned camp site, located on the east side of the lake, 30 miles from Coeur d'Alene, Idaho. Here there will be a camp for the Women's Fellowship; a Junior High Camp; a Senior High Camp; a Family Camp; and a camp for Church School Teachers. Cost for these camps will be $15 room and board and a $2.50 registration, with the exception of the Family Camp which will be $35 room and board. A Junior High camp will be held at the Deception Pass youth camp on Whidby Island, and a conference for senior high youth will be held at Seabeck.

"Christians Courageous" will be the theme for each of the camps and each will have a presentation in the area of Christian Faith and Beliefs. The sketch for the camp poster was drawn by Robert Kennan, Jr., of Yakima.

The camps are sponsored by our conference committee on Christian Education. Folders with details of program and arrangements are available for each of the camps. Information and registrations are secured from the conference office at 720 14th Avenue, North, Seattle 2—address requests for same to Miss Christine Skelton.

III. NORTHWEST REGIONAL MEETING. The week of August 24-28 are the dates for the regional fellowship experience at Pacific University at Forest Grove, Oregon. Dr. Henry Smith Leiper of The Missions Council will be one of the featured speakers. Details of this program available from the conference office.

IV. FAMILY VACATIONS. "Make Your Trip Worth While" is the title of a small pamphlet showing places where we have significant Congregational Christian mission work across the country. Persons taking trips for their vacations might well add some of these possibilities to the schedule, and become more acquainted with the work of our church as well as have an interesting trip.

RISTIANS COURAGEOUS

UMMER ONFERENCES 1953

MP N-SID-SEN

Women's Fellowship; June 29 - July 6
Senior Highs; July 6 - 13
Junior Highs; July 13 - 20
Family Camp; July 20 - 27
Church School Teachers'; July 27 - Aug. 2

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Junior High; August 2 - 8

EABECK

Senior High; August 17 - 24

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